

defined parties. Three popular leaders divided the vote of the south. They were Andrew Jackson of Tennessee, Henry Clay of Kentucky, and William H. Crawford of Georgia.

Adams had the solid support of New England and New York and picked up a few more votes in the border states. The electoral college voted as follows:

Total vote, 261. Necessary to choice, 131. Andrew Jackson, 99; John Quincy Adams, 84; W. H. Crawford, 41; Henry Clay, 37.

There was, of course, no choice. Clay was eliminated by the provision of the constitution which confined the choice to the three highest on the list, but Clay, as the most popular man in the house of representatives, found himself in the position of president maker. He was friendly to Crawford, but Crawford was in precarious health, suffering from a stroke of paralysis. John C. Calhoun had been chosen vice president by a vote of 182 in the electoral college.

Clay didn't want to make Calhoun president, as he would have done by electing the sick man, Crawford, to the presidency. Strongly opposed to Jackson, also, he threw his influence to Adams.

The house of representatives, voting by states, decided as follows: Adams, 13; Jackson, 7; Crawford, 4.

What a howl went up! They didn't have steam rollers in those days, but they knew all about "deals" and "dickers," and it was hotly charged that Adams and Clay had disposed of the presidency in a disreputable bargain. The charge was not dissipated when President Adams promptly made Henry Clay his secretary of state. John Randolph of Roanoke denounced what he called "this alliance between the Puritan and the Blackleg." Adams, one of the most conscientious of men, did not enjoy the situation worth a cent.

It would not be strange at all if the history of the presidential election of 1824 should be repeated in 1912. There certainly is some prospect that the electoral college will fail to produce the required majority, which is only another sign of the much predicted "Democratic year."

INTERESTING LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Ferdinand O. Baumann, president of the F. O. Baumann Manufacturing Company, shot and killed himself at his home, 530 Hawthorne place, this morning.

25 Chinamen arrested in gambling raid in basement of laundry, 2129 Archer av.

Well-dressed youth, about 22, rented room from Mrs. Emma Eschert, 1029 La Salle av., and later disappeared. Also did \$30 worth of jewelry.

Wilbert Lyons, 5, 4750 S. Marshfield av., killed by Ashland av. car W. 48th st. No arrests made.